

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and in light of the remarks which follow.

Claims 33-44 are pending in the application, claims 45-52 having been canceled above.

By the above amendments, claims 45-52 are canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the response and amendments filed in Paper No. 28 and the Declaration in Paper No. 29 dated September 11, 2003.

Claims 45-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not adequately described in the specification. As Applicant has now canceled claims 45-52, this rejection is moot.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 33-44 are allowed. As claims 33-44 are now the only claims pending in the application, Applicant earnestly solicits further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

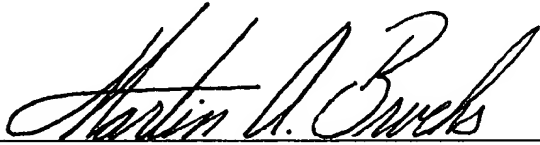
If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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